

Department of Public Health
and Human Services

Section:
HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

FAMILIES ACHIEVING
INDEPENDENCE IN MONTANA

Subject:
Foster Children/Adults

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≥References: 7 CFR 273.1(b)(4)

GENERAL RULE --When determining household composition, do not include foster care children/adults as members of the household unless the household chooses to include them.

**INDIVIDUAL
EXCLUDED**

If the household chooses to exclude a foster care individual, the foster care payment is excluded in determining the household's income, and the resources of the foster child/adult are excluded in determining the household's resources.

NOTE: Foster care individuals cannot participate in the Food Stamp Program independently from the household providing foster care services.

**INDIVIDUAL
INCLUDED**

If the household chooses to include a foster care individual, the foster care payment is countable unearned income in determining the household's income, and the resources of the foster child/adult are included in determining the household's resources.

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